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SUBJ: CIVAIR - UK/ITALY AVIATION FUEL DISPUTE

1. A DISPUTE OVER SIZE OF AVIATION FUEL ALLOCATION GIVEN SAM, ITALIAN CHARTER AIRLINE, BY UK, LED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO ANNOUNCE A BAN AGAINST ALL BRITISH CHARTER AIRLINE FLIGHTS INTO ITALY WITH EFFECT FROM MIDNIGHT JANUARY 18. THE BAN TEMPORARILY STRANDED HUNDREDS OF UK TOURISTS IN ITALY. HOWEVER, VIGOROUS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS BY BRITISH BOTH IN LONDON AND IN ROME SUCCEEDED IN GAINING LIFTING OF CHARTER BAN UNTIL JANUARY 24. TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM THE BAN WILL AFFORD OPPORTUNITY FOR BILATERAL TALKS TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. THESE TALKS, WE UNDERSTAND, WILL BE HELD IN ROME COMMENCING ON JANUARY 20.

2. FCO TELLS US THAT PROBLEM AROSE BECAUSE SAM IGNORED JANUARY FUEL ALLOCATION REPRESENTING 90 PERCENT OF JANUARY 1973 CONSUMPTION. AIRLINE OPERATED ITS FULL CHARTER PROGRAM TO UK UNTIL IT EXHAUSTED ALLOCATION AND THEN TURNED TO GOI TO APPLY PRESSURE OF CHARTER BAN TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE INCREASE IN ALLOCATION.

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